(c) what is the price of this ship and how far India would protect herself from Chinese Naval power; and

(d) by when this warship would suit to India and at that time what shall be naval power of India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Contracts and Supplementary Agreements were signed with Russia on 20.1.2004 for the induction of aircraft carrier "Admiral Gorshkov". The aircraft carrier is undergoing necessary repairs/modifications in Russia at present. The Russian name of the aircraft carrier is "Admiral Gorshkov" and the ship will be named "Vikramaditya" after its induction into the Indian Navy.

(b) The ship would be available to Indian Navy for over 20 years after its repairs and refurbishment in Russia. With the induction of the "Aircraft Carrier", the defensive and offensive capability of the navy would be enhanced considerably.

(c) and (d) The cost of repair and refurbishment of the carrier is 974.28 million USD. The aircraft carrier is scheduled to be delivered by end 2008. Indian Navy is fully prepared to protect the maritime interest and integrity of the country.

Cases of Gujarat riots handed over to CBI

911. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of cases related to Gujarat riots, which have been handed over to the CBI;

(b) the status of those cases; and

(c) by when the investigation is expected to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) One case relating to the Gujarat riots has been handed over to the CBI. Details of the case are as under:

Limkheda Police Station (District-Dahod) Crime, Register No. 59/2002, investigated by local police and tried by JMFC, Limkheda and closed accepting the 'A' final report, was handed over to CBI and registered as case No. R.C.1/S/2004-Mum in the CBI SCB on 1.1.2004 under orders dated 16.12.2003 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Writ Petition No. 118/2003 and Criminal Misc. Petition No. 8650/2003.

Investigation of the case has already been concluded and charge-sheet has been filed by the CBI on 19.4.2004. The case is pending trial.

Demolition of police memorial in Delhi

†912. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs have decided to demolish the Police Memorial being constructed in Delhi to honour martyred police personnel of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the amount spent on the construction of Police Memorial, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Following an order of Delhi High Court the Memorial is to be redesigned and constructed in consultation with Delhi Urban Arts Commission.*

(c) An amount of Rs. 13.35 crores has been spent so far.

Talks with Bangladesh

913. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held talks with Bangladesh on some issues;

(b) if so, the details of such issues discussed;

(c) whether Government have also signed any MoUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Following major talks have been held between India and Bangladesh in the current year to discuss various issues:

i. During the visit of Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India in March 20-22-2006, the entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed. It was agreed that the meetings of bilateral institutional mechanism would be held more frequently. The two leaders reaffirmed their

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.